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SUBJECT: AMBASSADORIAL SCREENING - ROCKY
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1. USIA (NOW ICA) MARCH 29 RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER
DATED MARCH 23F FROM MR. IRWIN WINKLER, PRODUCER OF
"ROCKY" (QUOTE) DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: BOTH BOB CHARTOFF AND I
WERE MOST PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOUR COMMUNICATION THROUGH THE
USIA.

WE HAVE RECEIVED MANY THOUGHTFUL EXPRESSIONS ABOUT OUR FILM
"ROCKY," BUT NONE PLEASES US MORE THAN HEARING YOU SAY
THAT "ROCKY" HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON DEVELOPING SINO-
U.S. CULTURAL RELATIONS.

YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT WE ARE PLANNING ANOTHER
"ROCKY" FILM AND WE THINK THAT FILM ALSO WILL BE A POSITIVE
STATEMENT ABOUT THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

WE HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FILMING IN CHINA
BUT HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT IT'S NEAR IMPOSSIBLE. IF WE WERE
TO PLAN A TRIP TO SEE THE POTENTIAL FACILITIES, DO YOU THINK
IT COULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH YOUR GOOD OFFICES SO THAT WHAT-
EVER TIME WE HAVE TO BE IN CHINA COULD BE SPENT USEFULLY.

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WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH WHATEVER CHINESE CULTURAL
CIRCLES THAT ARE AVAILABLE.
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR (SIC) RECENT MARRIAGE.
KING REGARDS, IRWIN WINKLER (UNQUOTE).

2. WINKLER'S ORIGINAL LETTER FOLLOWS.

3. UNLESS YOU OBJECT, SUGGEST YOU CABLE COURTESY REPLY TO WINKLER VIA ICA WASHINGTON STATING IF WINKLER DOES VISIT PRC YOU AND YOUR STAFF ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE WHILE HE IS IN THE PRC. SUGGEST YOUR REPLY ALSO ADVISE WINKLER THAT ICA WASHINGTON STAFF PREPARED OFFER SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WINKLER MAY APPROACH PRC DIRECTLY TO ARRANGE VISIT.

4. WHEN ICA FORWARDS YOUR MESSAGE TO WINKLER, WE PLAN NAME GEORGE BEASLEY, WHO WILL THEN BE ICA CHINA AFFAIRS OFFICER, AS ICA CONTACT POINT SHOULD WINKLER WISH SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO APPROACH PRC AUTHORITIES.
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